

# JOURNAL

Of all that happen'd in the March of the

## VAUDOIS

Till their Arrival in the Valleys of *St. Martin* and *Lafern*;

Written from *Lausanne* the 19th of September 1689. to an Eminent Merchant in *London*, with the Number of those that pass'd the Lake to joyn them.

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THE *Vandois* to the number which I mention'd in the last that I sent you, set forward from this City about fifteen days since, with a Resolution to go into the Valleys of *Piemont*, distant from hence about five and thirty Leagues. I was one of those that desir'd one of the Magistrats of this place, to let them have the conveniency of Boats, for that Monsieur the Bailiff had forbid the people here to furnish them with any, tho' under hand he was willing enough they should have them, as being one that wish'd well to the common Cause, however he is forced to observe some little Measures, and Puntillo's, by reason of the Neutrality: But at length I engaged Monsieur *le Bourse*, one of the Judges, to go to the Fort at two of the Clock at Night, whither I accompanied him, and obtain'd permission, that the *Vandois* might be furnished with Boats: We also assisted them with all such other necessities, as lay in our Power. They had an extraordinary good passage over the Lake; And as they March'd forward, they seiz'd upon the Priests, and Lords of the Villages, through which they pass'd. But finding by that time they had gotten two days march, that there was a Bridge broken down to impede their passing farther; they threatned their Prisoners, to put them to death, if they did not take care to have the Bridge repaired; so that the Countrey People that liv'd on the other side, were forc'd to repair the Bridge, which the *Vandois* pass'd in good Order:

The Duke of *Savoy* having intelligence of their March, rais'd the Militia of his own Countrey, and sent away a Courier to the Marquis *de Larre* Colonel of Dragoons, and Commander of the Forces in the *Dauphinate*, to stop the farther progress of the *Vandois*, who were then upon the Frontiers. Thither therefore he hasten'd with four Troops of Dragoons, whom he caus'd to break down a Bridge, and Entrench'd the Militia of *Savoy* in the same place, to dispute the passage. But the *Vandois* upon the first discharge which they made, kill'd the Commander of the *Savoyards*, who was a Marquis also, with several others, which put the rest into such a Terroure, that they abandon'd the Pass. Here the *Vandois* lost a Minister and four souldiers, whom the Enemy carried bound to *Chamberg*, and there hang'd them up.

Afterwards Monsieur *Larre* meeting them with four Troops of Dragoons, ask'd them whither they were going? they Answer'd they were going to their own homes. by whose Order? To whom? Their Minister Mr. *Arnault*, who has appear'd all along at the Head of them, Replyed, by Order of the King of *England*, *William* the Third. Upon which the Commander told 'em, that they were a Company of Vagabond Rascals, and that he would trample them to death under his Horses Feet, and so Commanded his Dragoons to ride up to them, which Mr. *Arnault* seeing, prepar'd his People to receive them accordingly, which they did; and after a Fight that lasted two Hours, they won the Victory, having kill'd a hundred and fifty of the Dragoons, and two Captains, beside five or six Inferiour Officers kill'd and wounded; and Marquis *de Larre* wounded in the Elbow, of which he since died: Of the *Vandois* not above fifteen or twenty were kill'd and wounded.

Thus



Thus they enter'd into the Valleys of *Regolas*, which are under the Domini-  
on of *France*, where about two hundred of the Inhabitants of the said Valleys  
joyn'd them. In their March they Pillag'd the Abbey of *Ouls* in the *French Ter-*  
*ritory*; where they found 180000 *Livers*, or 15000*l. English*, and twenty  
four Monks, whom they carried along with them as Hostages. They also took up-  
on the Mountains above twenty Thousand Sheep. At the same time they met  
the Baggage belonging to the Popes Nuncio, returning from *Paris* to *Rome*.  
They open'd the Packs, & took out all the Plate, but meddl'd with nothing else;  
but besides all this Booty, they found the Valleys of *St. Martins* and *Lusern*,  
where they are now arriv'd, well stor'd with Corn, which makes us believe  
they will find it a difficult thing to make them dislodge from thence, having ex-  
pell'd the *Savoyards* that liv'd in the Vale to the very Tops of all the Mountains.  
All *Savoy* is in Arms, to prevent those that have taken Sanctuary in *Switzerland*,  
from going to their Assistance, as it is believ'd they will do; the *Switzers* not  
at all opposing the Levies which they make in those Parts.

The Duke of *Savoy* has Written a very severe Letter to the *Switzers* upon  
this occasion, which they have taken very ill, no less offended, that he had  
broken his word with them, in not restoring to them their Ministers and Chil-  
dren of the *Vandois*. Canton of *Oury*, which is a Popish Canton, has deliver'd  
up a hundred and five of those poor People, to the Embassador of *Savoy*, after  
they had robb'd them of all their Cloaths and Money, and put four of them to  
the Rack, to make them discover the Designs of the rest of their Brethren, but  
they would not confess any thing. The Embassador has caus'd them to be tyed  
two and two together, and sent them away into *Savoy*, for fear that the Lords  
of *Zurich* and *Berne* should re-demand them, which they did; to whom the  
Popish Cantons return'd for Answer, that they had deliver'd them up already,  
but with this condition, that no harm should be done them; which very much  
displeas'd the Lords of *Zurich* and *Berne*; insomuch that it proved the occasion  
of a Rupture between them.

There are already departed above 1500 Men to joyn those that are Marched  
before; in order to which they have pass'd the Lake, and two Thousand more  
are ready to Embark, with a resolution to follow them. They are all *French*,  
that fled for Refuge, except four hundred *Vandois*, who came hither as soon as  
they understood the departure of the rest. And had not Monsieur the Bailiff for-  
bid the *Switzers*, upon pain of death, not to stir out of the State, there would  
have gone above two thousand. However this has not hindered a very consider-  
able number from going, finding the *Vandois* so successful in their Enterprises.

It is hoped, that the King of *England* will prevail with the King of *Spain* to  
declare War against the Duke of *Savoy*; to the end the *Milainois* Governours  
may be ordered to furnish them with all such necessaries which they shall stand in  
need of. For otherwise it will be a difficult thing, for these poor people to pre-  
serve what they have got. The King of *France* having order'd the Forces of the  
*Dauphinat* to March, to expel them from those places, where a little Assistance  
would defend them from all the Force of their Enemies. The Embassador of  
*France* at *Geneva*, makes a great noise, and speaks loud upon this occasion. We  
expect with impatience the result of the Consultations of the Assembly at *Baden*.  
*Savoy* is all in Arms, and the People are strangely Alarmed, at so many Com-  
motions. The *French* Troops are quartered round about *Geneva*: However as  
yet all things are quiet: In expectation of more News, I remain, *YOURS*, &c.

We thought it not from the purpose to gratifie the Curiosity of the Reader,  
to add this Century of *Notre-Damus*, in regard it agrees so well, and falls out  
so pat to the Condition of *France*, at this time.

When ere the Crescent shall decrease,  
An Eagle shall the mighty Cock dep'lume,  
In Sixteen hundred Eighty Nine

Great Changes then by death shal come.  
The same Fate shall two Kings attend,  
Good Cheefe to Calvin and his Friend.